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1. AS BHUTTO HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM THE CAPITAL FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD IN KARACHI, AND IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FROM THERE FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND EUROPE WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY KEEP HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS, I DECIDED I HAD BEST GO AHEAD WITH AGHA SHAHI ON THE KOREAN ISSUE RATHER THAN WAIT FOR BHUTTO. AFTER A LENGTHY SESSION WITH HIM, MY CONCLUSION IS THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD SUPPORT THE LOGIC OF OUR UN RESOLUTION AS AGAINST THAT OF THE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION, BUT I AM BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT THIS WILL BE THE FINAL POSITION OF THE GOP. HE SAID THAT BHUTTO WAS WELL AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND HAD NOT AS YET MADE A FINAL DECISION. SHAHI SAID THAT MY PRESENTATION (WHICH IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST ONES I HAVE EVER MADE HERE) WOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO BHUTTO.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FURNISHED BY THE
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DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS ALL USED, I STRESSED TWO BASIC POINTS.

THE FIRST WAS TO EMPHASIZE THE VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE IN WASHINGTON AS EVIDENCED BY SEVERAL EXAMPLES, INCLUDING THE PROMINENCE GIVEN THIS SUBJECT IN THE RECENT TALKS BETWEEN OUR PRESIDENT AND JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER MIKI. THE SECOND POINT DEALT ESSENTIALLY WITH THE FACT THAT WHAT WAS INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE WAS NOT ONLY A QUESTION AFFECTING THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT THE UNITED STATES FULFILLING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF AN ALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR 1954 MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. I REMINDED SHAHI THAT THERE HAD BEEN A LOT OF TALK IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING AT VERY HIGH LEVELS IN PAKISTAN ITSELF, WHICH EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE SETBACKS WE HAD SUFFERED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD LEAD US TO CURTAIL OUR COMMITMENTS IN OTHER AREAS, VERY POSSIBLY INCLUDING SOUTH ASIA. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOP WOULD WANT TO HELP US MEET THESE COMMITMENTS AND NOT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR TO DO SO AND THEREBY APPEAR TO STRENGTHEN THOSE DTENDENCIES IN THE U.S. WHICH IT FEARS COSID ADVERSELY AFFECT ITS OUW INTEREST. THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR, I THINK, THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD CONSIDER THAT IT CANNOT REALLY HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.

3. SHAH SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD A TALK ON THIS SUBJECT WITH BHUTTO BUT THAT NO DECISION WAS MADE. BHUTTO HAD, HOWEVER, ASKED SHAHI TO LET ME KNOW THAT THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT MATTER FOR PAKISTAN. HE SAID BHUTTO SEEMED TO PLACE SIGNIFICANCE ON KIM IL SUNG'S REPORTED JUNE STATEMENT TO VISITING AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE IN WHICH THE FORMER SUPPOSEDLY CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD NOT INVADE THE SOUTH, AND WOULD SEEK ITS GOALS THROUGH PEACEFUL METHODS. THE KIM IL SUNG STATEMENT APPARENTLY INCLUDED THE STANDARD NORTH KOREAN POSITION ABOUT DEALING WITH THE ROK, NOTING THAT THEY WOULD DEAL INSTEAD THROUGH OPPOSITION GROUPS AND OTHER ELEMENTS WANTING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM. I TOLD SHAHI I SAW VERY LITTLE COMFORT IN KIM IL SUNG'S REPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

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REMARKS, BUT HE COUNTERED WITH THE GOP'S HOPE THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN TRYING TO AVOID AN IMPASSE AT THE UN. APPARENTLY THIER REPORT INDICATES THAT WILLESEE TALKED QUITE FIRMLY AND FRANKLY WITH KIM IL SUNG.

4. SHAHI SAID THEIR RELATIONS WITH PYONGYANG WERE ALREADY VERY FRIGID BECAUSE THE NORTH KOREANS SEEMED

TO RESENT DEEPLY THE FACT THAT BHUTTO HAS NEVER MADE A PROMISED VISIT THERE. SHAHI SAID HE HAD HIMSELF PLANNED TO GO BUT EVENTS PRECLUDED THAT AND A LOWER RANKING VISIT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE. THIS APPARENTLY WAS TAKEN AS AN INSULT AND THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WAS REMOVED FROM ISLAMABAD. HE REMARKED PARENTHETICALLY THAT BHUTTO HAD REMINDED HIM THAT NORTH KOREA HAD HELPED PAKISTAN IN 1971. SHAHI SAID HE WAS NOT HERE AT THE TIME AND DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY HAD DONE BUT WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY MAY HAVE FURNISHED AMMUNITION.

5. BHUTTO'S GREATEST CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS HIS RELATIONS WITH CHINA. HE FEELS THE CHINESE MUST THINK THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO BE QUITE A ONE-SIDED ONE. HE BELIEVES THE CHINESE ARE BEING HELPFUL TO PAKISTAN TO THE EXTENT THEY REASONABLY CAN WITH ECONOMIC AND MILUHARY AID. PAKISTAN HAD NOTHING TO GIVE IN RETURN EXCEPT IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE. HE WOULD NOT WANT CHINA TO CHANGE ITS POSTURE TOWARDS PAKISTAN OVER AN ISSUE IN THE UN FAR REMOVED FROM PAKISTAN.

6. SHAHI SAID HE FULLY APPRECIATED THE STRENGTH OF OUR FEELINGS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THE LOGIC OF OUR POSITION, AND WOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEY WERE GIVEN WITH FULL FORCE TO BQITTO BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION. I LEFT HIM WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE MIGHT BE FURTHERNQPPROACHES FROM US EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK ON THIS ISSUE.

7. I RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL APPROACH BE MADE.
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